

NEWS

Kirtland, River House Shelter raising awareness

Kirtland Community College's Service Learning department, in conjunction with long-term community partner the River House Shelter, which provides safety and empowerment to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and homelessness, have a variety of events planned to raise awareness about Sexual Assault Awareness month.

April's Sexual Assault Awareness campaign kicked off with a Clothesline Project in Kirtland's Student Center on the main campus near Roscommon. **Page 20**

SPORTS

Girls soccer program hopes to continue its success, improvement



The Grayling High School girls soccer program is looking to build on its success from the past few seasons, years in which the team has established new records for wins.

"Last year was the most successful in the history of the program," said Craig Cobb, coach of the squad. "We're looking to build on that."

The program had 10 wins last year and nine wins in 2010 after posting eight victories in 2009.

"We're hoping to break the records we set last year. That will be our focus, to continue to improve," Coach Cobb said. "We continue to improve as a program and that's exciting to see and be a part of." **Page 12**

Spring brings early flies, early fly fishing

Get the waders and rods ready: Unseasonably warm weather may spur an early emergence of the aquatic insects that trout love to eat.

With temperatures in much of the Great Lakes region approaching 70 degrees, the internal clock of certain mayflies and caddisflies could signal that it's time to get out of the water earlier than usual.

Caddisflies are small moth-like insects, and mayflies are in the dragonfly group of insects. Trout-seeking fly anglers often use lures that imitate them. **Page 13**

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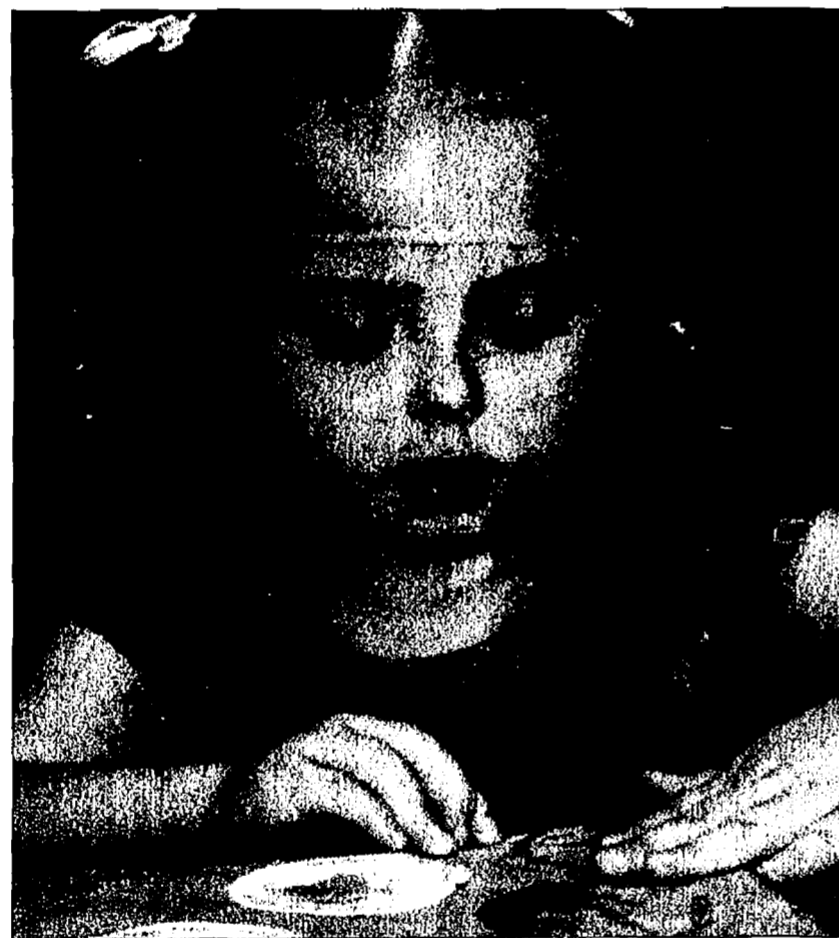
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Youth prepare for Easter holiday during library's story hour



Several youngsters got ready for Easter during the weekly story hour held Wednesday at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. Participants at the story hour made Easter Bunny hats, sang songs, listened to a story, held a Easter parade through the library and concluded the morning with an Easter egg hunt in the library's Ed Park's Reading garden. Above, Blake Stoddard and his mother Jayme Potter are pictured in the reading garden as they search for Easter goodies and craft supplies. Left, Shianne Tinker decorated a bag with stickers for the Easter egg hunt. (Photos by Dan Sanderson)

Habitat for Humanity to build 11th home

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Habitat for Humanity is seeking families who want to plant roots in the community in a new home.

The Crawford County Habitat for Humanity is slated to build a new home on property located at 303 Knight Street in the City of Grayling this year. This is the 11th planned home that will be built by the local non-profit organization.

A woman donated the property in order to satisfy back tax debts, said Johanna Jurkovich, the executive director for the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity.

Applications for the Habitat for Humanity home are being accepted through May 1.

A four-person committee is in charge with reviewing the applications and requesting more information if required.

"They have to make a determination as to who the family is so they can do some volunteer hours before they even start," Jurkovich said.

In order to be eligible for a Habitat for Humanity home, the family must have a steady income and be able to put in some "sweat equity" along with volunteers to build the home.

Jurkovich said that most people have a misconception that they are going to receive a free house through Habitat for Humanity. The homes are mortgaged at a zero-percent interest rate and an escrow account is established for the payment of property taxes and homeowners insurance.

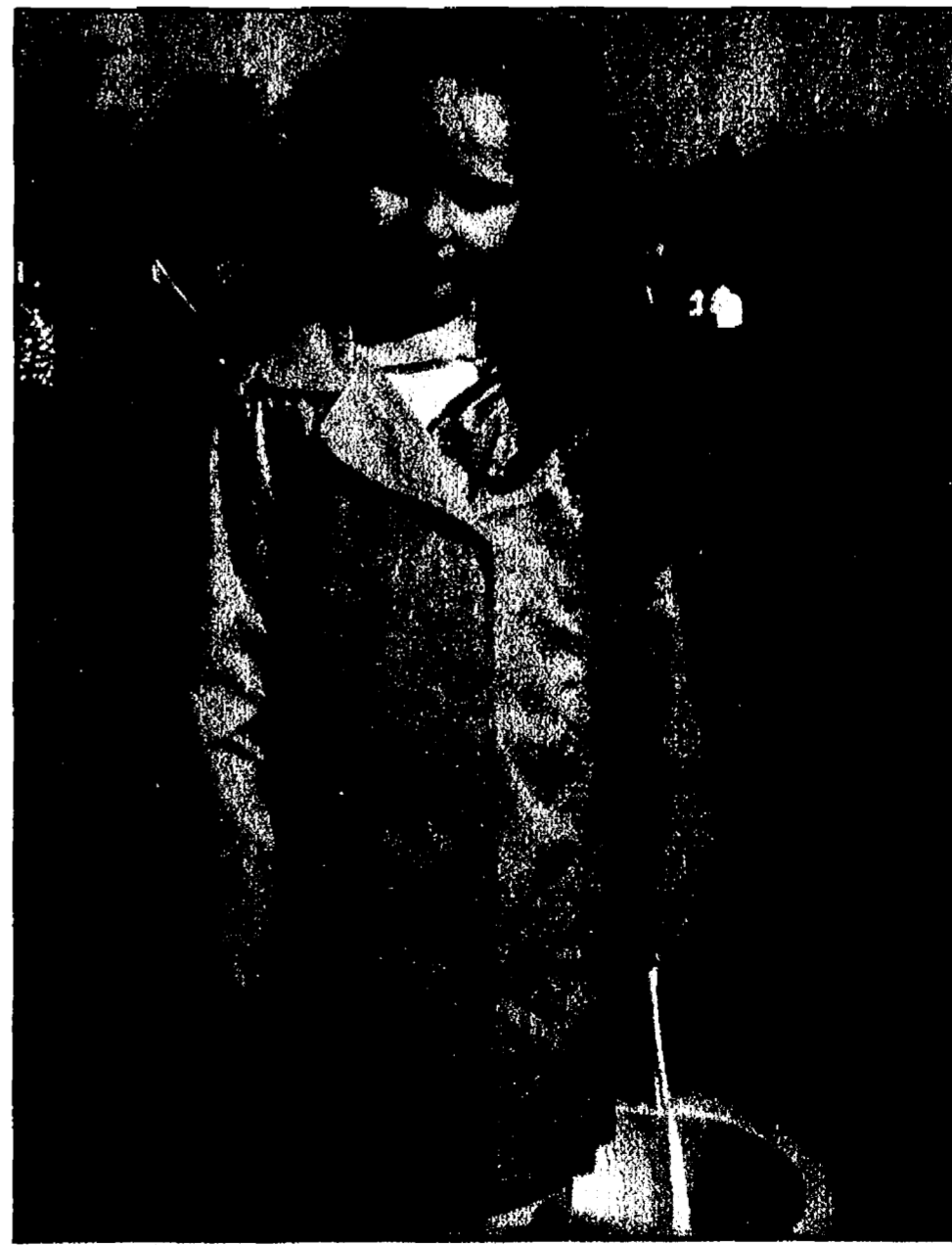
The typical house payment is \$300 to \$400 per month.

"The cost of the home is way lower than a normal house you would get on the market because there are subsidies for the materials and the labor, of course, is free," Jurkovich said. "We try to help them out as much as we can with grants and whatever else is out there."

Jurkovich said people also have a misunderstanding when they believe someone else deserves the home provided through Habitat for Humanity volunteers and programs more than they do.

"I would love to get more applications," Jurkovich said. "If you are in need of housing, put in an application."

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Families flock to Hanson Hills for Easter Eggstravaganza

Hundreds of children and their families attended the Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt at Hanson Hills on Saturday. Justin Andre, director of operations for the Grayling Recreation Authority, which oversees Hanson Hills operations, said 5,000 Easter eggs were placed throughout the property for children in three separate age groups to find. Above left, Caleb and Cameron Baker are pictured with the Easter Bunny after waiting their turn in line. Above right, Faith Cormier is pictured in her Easter dress and basket full of Easter goodies after her search on the Hanson Hills ski slope.

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Help Center seeks support to meet Feinstein challenge

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Volunteers at the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center (CCCHC) were busy last week with its Easter Help program and the influx of people seeking food assistance at the start of month, while still trying to meet another challenge.

The Help Center is seeking financial and food donations for the annual Feinstein Challenge.

Alan Shawn Feinstein, the founder of the Feinstein Foundation, is a nationally known philanthropist and humanitarian.

With a college background in journalism and education, Feinstein taught at public schools in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and established an English school in Thailand. In 1974, Feinstein entered the business world, starting a financial advisory newspaper column and private newsletter. His newsletters

went on to become among the most widely circulated in the world, reaching a readership of over 500,000.

Since 1996, Feinstein has dedicated his full time to philanthropic endeavors, focusing on the advancement of public service and the alleviation of hunger. He founded the World Hunger Program at Brown University, the first university center to study and try to end the causes of hunger.

Feinstein also has given start-up funds to over 200 churches throughout the country to start food pantries available to everyone in need in their communities regardless of their religious affiliation.

Feinstein's motto is, "Helping to better the lives of others is the greatest of all achievements."

Every year, the Feinstein Challenge makes \$1 million available to food pantries across the country. The money allocated to each food pantry is based on the amount of food and

donations raised by volunteers and the communities they serve.

"When it's over and they get everything tallied, they send out a check for your portion of the \$1 million, which also goes toward the food pantries," said Dora Mead, assistant director for the Help Center.

The CCCHC has taken part in the challenge for four years. Mead learned of the program through the Community of Christ Church, where she is a member.

Last year, CCCHC raised \$900 in financial and food donations and received \$200.

As the Help Center continues to see more people and families seeking food assistance, Mead says every dollar they can bring in helps.

The food pantry gets

more bang for the buck by purchasing from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, which is based in Flint.

"When we buy from the food bank, we can get \$14 worth of food for every dollar we spend down there so it helps and every little bit helps," Mead said.

Food is being collected at Save-A-Lot and at the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center. Financial donations are also being accepted at the food pantry, Goodale's Bakery and 7-Eleven.

Although charitable organizations are struggling like most families and businesses, Mead said the pantry is hoping for another good year.

"We're hoping that we can do as well as we did last year or better," she said.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center is seeking financial and food donations for the annual Feinstein Challenge. Above, Dora Mead, assistant director for the Help Center, has been coordinating the challenge program for the last four years.

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Grayling Housing Commission is designated as high performer

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Housing Commission has been making the grade with federal officials after getting its financial house in order over the last two years.

The Grayling Housing Commission was recognized as a high performer through the Public Housing Management Assessment Program.

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grades public housing agencies on the physical condition of the housing, finances, management and its capital fund.

HUD provides funding to the public housing agencies to operate and maintain affordable and decent, safe and sanitary public housing to low-income residents.

From 2007 through mid-2010, the Grayling Housing Commission had a substantial financial designation. That required the housing commission to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with HUD, which effected its consideration for discretionary or competitive funding sources.

Storm Miller, the execu-

tive director of the Grayling Housing Commission, was hired in July 2010. Miller, who grew up in Cheboygan, worked in the financial department for a large public housing agency in the Chicago area for 17 years before returning to northern Michigan.

Miller's first goal was to get the Grayling Housing Commission's finances in order. To accomplish that, she sought to have the MOA rescinded.

Miller said state officials agreed to do that after an audit report that kept getting sent back was cleared up. They then agreed to wait for HUD's annual report.

The Grayling Housing Commission was upgraded to be a high performer for 2010.

"Financially we are doing well," Miller said. "It involved a lot of hard work by all the staff."

The Grayling Housing Commission received an even high scoring for 2011 despite facing more stringent standards.

"We are as high as we can go, which is excellent for a property that is basically 50 years old," Miller said. "It was much tougher

this year, so we're thrilled with that. It's just good old fashioned work."

Miller attributed the success to putting the focus back on the housing. The Grayling Housing Commission oversees 88 units, which includes the apartments surrounding the Grayling Senior Center as well as other adjacent apartment complexes.

"It's just paring down and streamlining the operation and putting the money where it should go," Miller said.

The Grayling Housing Commission's voucher program, which provides affordable housing assistance, is also on the rebound. The housing commission offers the voucher system in Crawford County as well as Antrim, Kalkaska, Otsego and Roscommon Counties. Up to \$500,000 is made available to residents in the region.

"We weaned that back, and now we're going back up to full capacity," Miller said.

The Grayling Housing Commission has partnered with Northern Homes Community Development Corporation to provide

foreclosure prevention counseling to Crawford County residents.

Northern Homes CDC is a HUD and Michigan State Housing Development Authority certified counseling agency with experienced counselors trained to work with the homeowners and their loan servicers.

The goal is to get a loan modification that will make their payment more affordable and allow them to remain in their homes.

In addition to providing foreclosure prevention counseling, Northern Homes also provides financial management and budgeting assistance.

Miller is on the board for the Northern Michigan Free Tax Service, which gained its status as 501-C3 entity last year.

Volunteers for the free tax preparation service, made available to low income individuals and seniors, maintained offices at the Grayling Senior Center and Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. Next year, the Grayling Housing Commission will provide office space in one of its community rooms due to the increased demand.

Habitat for Humanity to build 11th home

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Along with building the new home, Habitat for Humanity volunteers are planning on doing small, outside home repairs and additions this summer through the Brush With Kindness program.

Last year, volunteers built handicapped ramps outside of some homes for senior citizens. The senior citizens paid half the cost for the ramps if they could.

Homeowners requiring more costly repairs are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

"If there's more extensive work, we would have to look at it and see if we could help them out," Jurkovich said.

Applications for Brush With Kindness projects are available through the Crawford County Commission on Aging.

"They are screening the

people to find out who really needs the help," Jurkovich said.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers will also tackle some painting projects this summer to help spruce up the community.

"We want to make the whole area look better," Jurkovich said.

Applications for the Habitat for Humanity home are available at Citizens Bank, Chemical Bank and

the Northland Area Credit Union.

Scrap metal thieves arrested

by Dan Sanderson
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State Troopers arrested two Houghton Lake men accused of stealing scrap metal from several locations in a three-county area.

Troopers from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police on Tuesday, April 3 arrested Steven Ray Davis, 40, and

Paul William Gushen, 29, for larceny of metal.

The Houghton Lake men were stopped driving a pickup truck and trailer loaded with stolen scrap metal, including motors, axles and dock stanchions.

The arrest of the two men is believed to have solved multiple larcenies in Crawford, Missaukee and

Roscommon Counties.

Over the past six weeks, the men have sold scrap metal with the approximate value of \$6,000.

Davis and Gushen were arraigned in Roscommon District Court on felony charges of larceny \$1,000 to \$20,000. They are being held in the Roscommon County Jail.

US Forest Service plans prescribed burns

Weather permitting the U.S. Forest Service Mio Ranger District and the Huron Shores Ranger District, are planning prescribed burns in Crawford, Alcona, Iosco and Oscoda Counties.

The burns are being done to reduce the accumulation

of dead wood, leaves and grass that increase the chance of a small wildfire turning into a catastrophic wildfire.

In addition wildlife habitat enhancement will be a benefit due to the increase in the new growth of food sources and allow wildlife

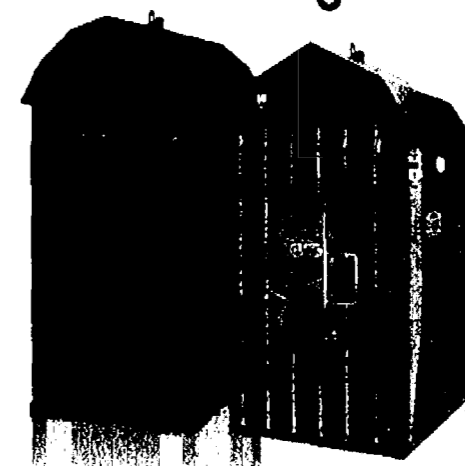
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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Public may face casino decisions again

UP FOR DECISION by Michigan voters in the November presidential election may be whether the state can sanction up to 15 more casinos.

Two competing groups of investors and gambling devotees want to put casino expansion on the ballot.

Michigan already has 25 casinos operating in Michigan. Three privately owned casinos operate in Detroit, and another 22 are owned and operated by Indian tribes and located on tribal-owned land across both Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

Backers claim existing casinos make up a \$3 billion casino industry. Revenues grew at about 3 percent for the three Detroit casinos combined, and tribal gambling during recent years has continued to expand to new locations, such as Battle Creek and even rural Allegan County.

Casinos must be a good business venture for somebody, but how many more gambling palaces can Michigan absorb before the market is glutted and profit margins decrease and eventually disappear?

Michigan voters may determine at least the non-tribal part of that

question, at least for now.

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ONE CASINO group which failed to secure enough signatures for a statewide vote in 2010 may be back again this year.

Called Michigan Is Yours, this group is touting casinos in Lansing, Benton Harbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Port Huron and Saginaw.

Backers claim their plan will provide benefits to local communities and college scholarship programs.

Another group, playing on a popular theme these days, calls itself Citizens for More Michigan Jobs.

It has received approval for wording of its ballot proposal and is ready to collect signatures to amend the state constitution to permit new casinos in Detroit, Pontiac, Grand Rapids, Romulus, Birch Run, Clinton Township (Macomb County), Clam Lake Township (Wexford County, near Cadillac), and DeWitt Township (Clinton County, near Lansing).

Romulus appears on both lists because it's near the Detroit Metro Airport, and a likely spot to attract non-state travelers on trips into

Michigan.

An anti-casino group, called Protect MI Vote – which includes the three present Detroit casinos, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, both of which also operate casinos – for obvious reasons, opposes both plans.

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CERTAINLY THESE new casinos, if built, would provide jobs, even beyond the temporary construction-connected employment.

They also would provide jobs which do not now exist for slot machine technicians, poker and blackjack dealers, operators of other table games, bartenders and waitresses, parking lot attendants and other jobs related to the world of casinos.

Job production is not the key purpose of casinos, nor is providing jobs the primary goal of those who promote more gambling halls.

A casino's goal is to provide temporary pleasure to patrons ... and separate money from these customers. There is no product or lasting service involved in casino jobs, except to take money away from those who play the games.

All of this makes "Citizens for More Michigan Jobs" a somewhat misleading name for a pro-casino group – which, incidentally said it plans to raise \$50 million to put across its program to change the state constitution.

Michigan needs more permanent, productive jobs which provide benefits not only for the job holders but for the Michigan public as well.

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MICHIGAN'S PRESENT constitution was adopted by the voters in 1963 and took effect in 1964.

Its first amendment, adopted by voters in 1966, lowered the voting age to 18, and was offered by legislative resolution.

Amending the constitution by petition is a tough job, requiring a number of signatures on petitions depending on the most recent statewide election. Now that's a minimum of about 325,000 valid signatures.

Requiring a statewide vote for new non-tribal casinos was added to the constitution in 2004 (by initiative petition to amend Article IV, Section 41) approved by the voters by a 760,000 majority, which is a pretty solid margin.

The constitution also requires further approval by voters in the local governmental unit in which any new casino may be operated.

Indian tribes pretty much may do what they want on Indian-owned land, including new and larger casinos, regardless of our state constitution.

For example, a business group is proposing to build a casino in Lansing right now, and the city approved sale of a small city-owned parcel to an Indian-related group.

Voters rang out loud and clear only eight years ago that they wanted to limit gambling halls in Michigan.

It's likely they would do it again this year.

However, with a vigorous group such as Citizens for More Michigan Jobs, with a \$50 million campaign chest and the help of high-powered lobbying and campaign groups, it's best not to take anything for granted this time around.

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Washington Notes

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Speculators are driving up gas prices, hurting American families

Once again, oil prices are spiking, threatening our economic recovery and causing real hardship for American families and businesses. The price of a barrel of oil is up nearly 30 percent since early October.

Unfortunately, that's nothing new. For years now, the commodity markets have taken the American people on an expensive and damaging roller coaster ride with rapidly changing prices for crude oil. At the start of 2007, oil cost about \$50 a barrel. By July of 2008, oil prices had shot to nearly \$150 per barrel and then, by the end of the year, crashed to \$35. In the beginning of 2011, oil prices took off again, climbing to over \$110 a barrel in May. By October, the price fell to \$75 a barrel, a drop of more than 30 percent over four months. Now, three and a half months later, oil prices are back up.

One of the major factors driving these high prices isn't getting enough attention: excessive speculation in the commodity markets. Investigations by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, have shown how the activities of speculators – those who don't produce or use oil, but who bet on oil price changes – have overwhelmed normal supply and demand factors and pushed up prices at the expense of consumers and American business.

In 2006, the subcommittee released a report that found that billions of dollars in trading by speculators in the crude oil market was responsible for an estimated \$20 out of the then \$70 cost for a barrel of oil that year – and a corresponding rise in the price at the gas pump. Since

then, even more speculators have entered the commodity markets. Today they bet billions of dollars on oil prices every day.

Oil markets exist to enable producers of oil and users of oil to do business. But at a November hearing before my subcommittee, the chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Gary Gensler, testified that 80 percent or more of oil trades are now made by speculators. In February, Forbes magazine, citing a recent report by Goldman Sachs, reported that oil speculation adds 56 cents to the price of each gallon of gas bought at the pump.

Before speculators flooded the markets, oil prices were determined by fundamental market forces of supply and demand. When supplies were tight and demand high, prices went up. In contrast, when supplies were ample and demand low, prices went down. Nowadays, that relationship is largely absent. There is no shortage in the supply of oil globally, and the United States is producing more oil than it has in a decade. Last year, the United States actually exported more gasoline and other petroleum products than we imported. At the same time, U.S. demand for fuel actually sank.

Under normal economic conditions, rising production and lower demand should mean lower prices. Instead, prices are more volatile than ever. One key reason is that speculators are playing too large a role in the oil market. If we are to get a handle on oil prices, we have to curb excessive speculation.

Congress has already taken the first steps. In July 2010, we

told federal regulators to establish rules to prevent speculators from dominating markets and distorting prices. Last year, the regulators rolled out the new rules. They are not as tough as they should be, but the real problem is that they are not yet fully in force. That means this important new tool lies dormant. One big roadblock is that the financial industry has filed a lawsuit to stop it from taking effect.

In the meantime, Congress should acknowledge that speculation is helping to drive up gas prices. We should urge federal regulators to exercise emergency authority, without waiting any longer, to clamp down on excessive speculation in the oil markets.

Congress should also ask more of the president's task force on commodity speculation. A year ago, Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island and I sent a letter asking President Obama to convene a task force to investigate and combat excessive oil speculation. While the attorney general did convene a task force, it focused on criminal cases instead of the broader problem of commodity traders driving up gas prices. The task force should urgently refocus and bring its firepower to the battle against excessive speculation.

American families cannot afford the current price of oil and neither can our economy, which after four years is beginning to turn a corner toward real growth. Ignoring how speculators affect oil prices could put our recovery at risk.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

Letters to the Editor

Maybe we need a different judge for this case

To the editor:

This is in response to the letter from Donna Simons from last week.

So what you makes you such an authority as to what is going on with Delores Guay and her cats in Beaver Creek Township?

As her neighbor that lives right across the road from her, I would like to tell you about the many cats that are dropped off in front of her house (plus the ones that are given to her because of her business and internet advertising). She also puts food out in her yard to feed the outside cats which attracts neighborhood animals, not to mention the many skunks that we now have around.

We have to put moth balls under all our trees and keep covering our horse shoe pits, sand boxes for our grandchildren, strawberry beds, flower beds, etc., to keep the cats from using them as litter boxes. They spray our houses every night and the urine smell is awful. So every morning I wash the house so we can enjoy our home. Now you may enjoy living like this, but we don't.

Delores's cat haven is against all of our zoning laws and she should have to comply with the township ordinances just like the rest of us do. She does not have a "sign" but she does have a web site on the computer advertising her cat haven. Also, we have checked and she never went to the township for permission for this in the first place.

Delores has lost and it has been in favor of the Beaver Creek Township many times now. Why does she have the right to appeal this over and over? forcing the township to pay thousands of dollars to defend their ordinances. Maybe we need to have someone else besides Judge Dennis Murphy to rule over this case, as being a cat lover he doesn't seem to see the large overall picture for this neighborhood.

Dorothy Small
Beaver Creek Township
Grayling

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All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows. Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

Book Fair to be held

Grayling Elementary/AuSable Primary is having a Book Fair on April 17 - 20. It will be held in the GE Multipurpose Room (old GE Library) on Tuesday, April 17, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, April 20, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Crawford County Dems to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will meet on April 17, 6 p.m., at the Grayling Charter Township Hall. Guest speaker will be Randy Sirlene, running for the State House of Representatives, 103rd district. All are welcome.

COA to hold Easter Dinner

The COA, 308 Lawndale, will hold an Easter Dinner on Thursday, April 12, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The menu will include baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, spiced apple rings and cheesy cheese tart. The meal is \$4.75 for those under age 60 and \$2.50 for those over age 60. The dinner is open to the public and reservations are not required.

Garden Club to hold first meeting

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will hold the first meeting of the year on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. The speaker will be from Morgan Composting, located in Sears. The topic will be preparing the soil for planting for those interested in healthy crops, fruits, flowers and vegetables. All are invited, call 348-8519 for more information.

Friends of the Library to hold meeting

Friends Of The Crawford County Library will hold this month's meeting on April 17, at the Devereaux Memorial Library, at 10 a.m. FOL announces the Notable Author, Sara Fitzgerald, featuring Sara's biography: Elly Peterson, "Mother" Of The Moderates on April 25, at 6:30 p.m.

COA to hold healthcare presentation

The COA and Mercy Hospital Grayling, will present information on healthcare decision making with Jan Williamson, RN, CHPN from Mercy Homecare and Hospice on April 16 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free presentation.

Band boosters to hold meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools.

Men's softball meeting to be held

Men's softball meeting for coaches and players will be held on Thursday, April 12, at 5:30 p.m., at Hanson Hills Field. For more information, call 989-390-2199. The season starts April 30.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawford-countyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Mercy Hospital Grayling offering second free Better Breathing program series

Beginning in April, Mercy Hospital Grayling will hold a second free eight week Better Breathing series aimed at improving the quality of life for adults suffering from emphysema, chronic bronchitis, asthma and other breathing problems.

The series is an interactive program offered in a group setting and taught by healthcare professionals as well as a licensed respiratory therapist. The program will cover topics including understanding your medications, travel tips, breathing devices, panic control, building strength and energy conservation.

"We kicked off this program earlier in the year and it was very successful.

There are so many members of our community suffering from chronic breathing issues and this educational series will help them learn how to self-manage their chronic disease and live a healthier lifestyle," said Gary Rapelje, RRT, assistant director of ambulatory services at Mercy Hospital Grayling and licensed respiratory therapist.

Classes are free to everyone and will be held every Monday from April 30 through June 25 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. (there will be no class on May 28) at Mercy Hospital Grayling in the Huron Pines Room, which is located near the cafeteria. Registration is required by calling (989) 348-0325.

Pictionary Olympics to mark 25 years of fun

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) will celebrate its 25th year for holding the Pictionary Olympics at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 20 at the Grayling Eagles Club.

Not only has it been called one of the funniest nights of the year, the Pictionary Olympics has been a great opportunity for local businesses and organizations to test their artistic skills and vie for the coveted first-place trophy.

Last year, one of the Basic Communications teams won the trophy. The North Central Area Credit Union team finished second. Third place went to the Cornell Insurance team, followed by another team from Basic Communications. The team representing GPA finished in fifth place.

The "Haven't Got a Clue" award went to a team from Mercy Hospital Grayling, which did not guess any of the four words in the 60-second time frame giving to solve the Pictionary Olympics drawing. Jeddy Hood and Barb Bowers, chairwomen for the Pictionary Olympics, are confident that the hospital team will be back this year and will be in competition for the trophy.

The public is welcome and encouraged to come and cheer on their favorite team. Beverages and light snacks will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$2 with all of the proceeds from the Pictionary Olympics going to the many projects and organizations GPA supports.

Year's first Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup begins April 14

Michigan's highway roadsides soon will get a spring cleaning. Almost 3,200 volunteer groups across the state will pick up litter along more than 7,200 miles of state highway from April 14 to 22. It's the first of three pickups this year for the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Adopt-A-Highway program, which began in 1990.

"Adopt-A-Highway volunteers care about their local communities and Michigan, and want to make a difference," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Their efforts help beautify our state and give visitors a positive impression of Michigan."

In 2011, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers collected more than 75,000 bags of trash and saved taxpayers \$1.5 million in cleanup costs. They wear high-visibility, yellow-green safety vests required by federal regulations when working within a highway's right of way. MDOT provides the vests and the trash bags for free, and arranges to haul away the trash.

Current volunteers include members of various civic groups, businesses and families. Crew members have to be at least 12 years old and each group must number at least three people.

Sections of highway are still available for adoption. Interested groups should check the MDOT Web page at www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway for more information and the name of their county's coordinator, who can specify available roadsides. Groups are asked to adopt a section of highway for at least two years. There is no fee to participate.

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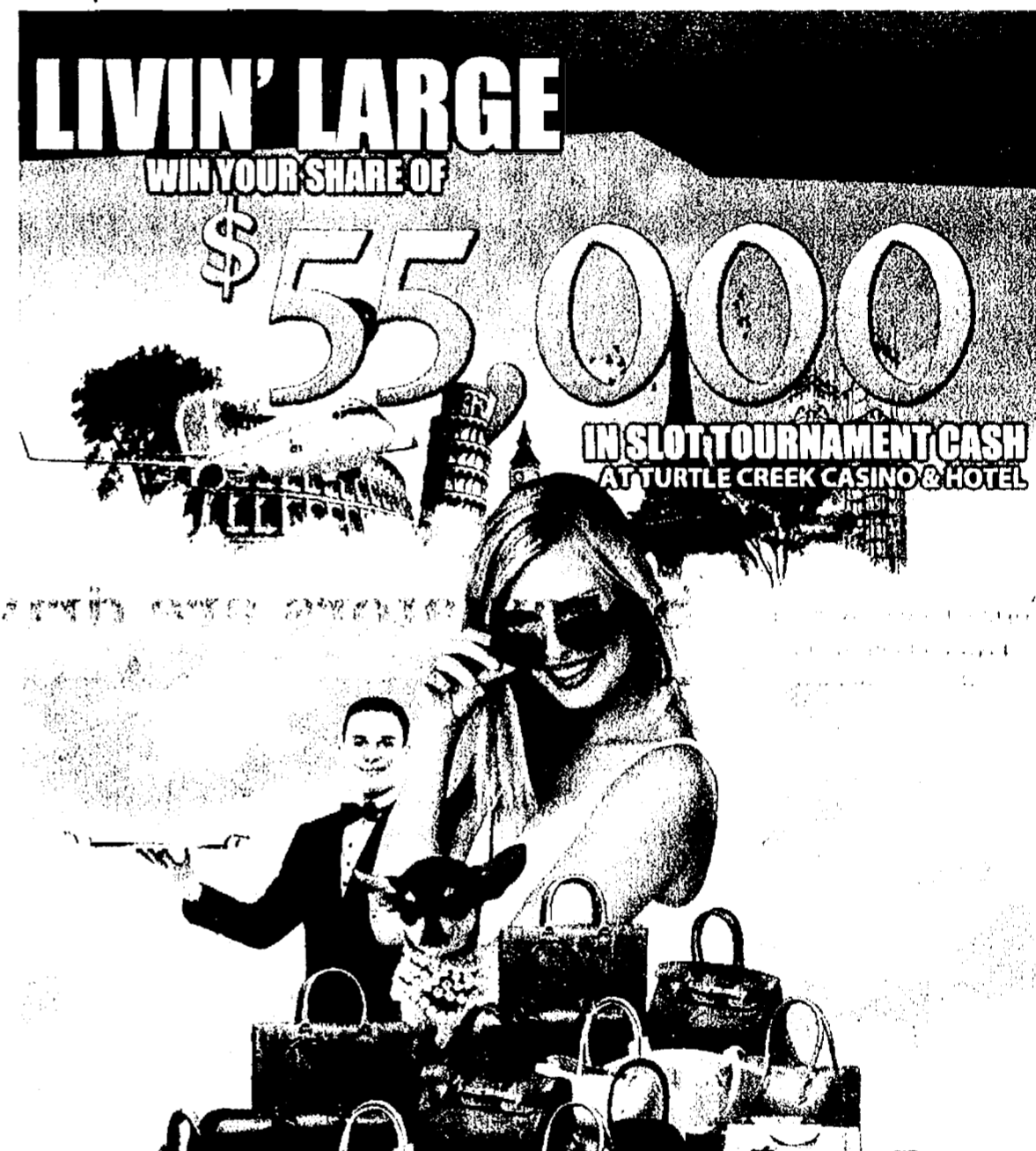


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God's Word Our Hope

We conclude our study of Romans 15:4 in which God's Word teaches us doctrine, gives us patience, comforts us, and gives us hope. "4For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

Israel before her defeat and destruction as a great nation said in Jeremiah 18:12: "12And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart." Many people in America today believe our nation faces spiritual, economic, moral, and cultural decline. Our affluent also seem to follow the spirit of Luke 12:19, by saying let us eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die. Scriptures confirm in Psalm 9:17 that all who forget God and His Word, abandon their only hope for the future as individuals, families, and as nations.

But, during a lifetime of ministry in Grayling, I have seen many people give up on God. However, I know God has never given up on you, your families, or your future. My hope remains in God and His Holy Scriptures. As Psalm 39:7 says, "7 And now, Lord; what wait I for? my hope is in thee." "5For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth." (Psalm 71:5). "24The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him." (Lam. 3:24).

Like David the Psalmist in Psalm 42:5, 11; and 43:5, all of us can become discouraged at times. "5Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God." "5Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God." (Psalm 146:5). As God describes the

glory of this mystery in Colossians 1:27: "...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

But we only have the teaching, patience, and comfort of this hope in God through the promises of His Holy Scriptures. "4For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Both faith and hope come from the substance and evidence of God's Holy Scriptures. "1Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The Bible I hold in my hands and heart is the only tangible substance and evidence for my faith and hope in eternal salvation. As Paul wrote in Romans 8:24,25: "24For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Abraham, the father of faith, had this hope in Romans 4:18: "18Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. Abraham believed God's Word.

This Easter season we can say with Peter in 1 Peter 1:3: "3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." "13Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (Rom 15:13). Pastor "B"

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46th Circuit Trial Court

Sentencings for March 2012

Hon. Janet M. Allen

Heather Marie Helsel, age 24 of Grayling - Plead guilty on March 5, 2012, to controlled substance counterfeit substance and to a probation violation; ordered on March 5, 2012, to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$159 late fee assessment.

Ronny Daoud Fakhoury, age 42 of Troy - Plead guilty on Feb. 6, 2012, to controlled substance possession of marijuana; sentenced on March 5, 2012, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$53 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Phillip Edward Eckstein, age 25 of Traverse City - Plead guilty on Dec. 5, 2011, to controlled substance-delivery/manufacture methamphetamine; sentenced on March 14, 2012, to serve two years and one month to 20 years in prison with credit for 197 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$1,731 in restitution.

Gary Edward Herrmann Jr., age 41, of Grayling - Plead guilty on Jan. 9, 2012, to controlled substance-operating/maintaining a laboratory in the presence of a minor; sentenced on March 14, 2012, to serve five years to 20 years in prison with credit for 198 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$1,731 in restitution.

Daisie Nichole Herrmann, age 31, of Grayling - Plead guilty on Jan. 9, 2012, to controlled substance-operating/maintaining a laboratory in the presence of a minor; sentenced on March 14, 2012, to serve 35 months to 20 years in prison with credit for 198 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee and \$1,731 in restitution.

Hon. Dennis F. Murphy
Zane Alexander
Chwastek, age 61 of

Kalkaska - Plead guilty on Feb. 9, 2012, to two counts of police officer-assault; sentenced on March 8, 2012, to serve 120 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$325 circuit court costs, \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs and \$500 penal fine.

James William Duty, age 50 of Northville - Plead guilty on Feb. 9, 2012, to weapons-firearms-possession; ordered March 8, 2012, to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$1,000 penal fine.

Donald Lee Crowe, age 50 of Gaylord - Plead guilty on Feb. 9, 2012, to controlled substance-delivery/manufacture schedule four; sentenced on March 8, 2012, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$68 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs and \$40 restitution; placed on probation for 12 months.

Michael Joseph Beaver, age 32 of Dearborn - Found guilty by a jury on Feb. 16, 2012, for home invasion first degree, two counts of larceny of firearms and possession of a firearm by a felon; found guilty by the court for being a habitual offender second conviction; sentenced on March 19, 2012, to serve 28 months to seven years and six months in prison with credit for 36 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs, \$272 state minimum costs and \$47,215 restitution.

Damon Dee Pamame, age 40 of Mio - Found guilty by a jury on Feb. 16, 2012, for two counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms and two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon; found guilty by the court for being a habitual offender second conviction; sentenced on March 19, 2012, to serve 28 months to seven years and six months in prison with credit for 34 days served; ordered to pay \$130 crime victim rights fee, \$272 state minimum costs, \$325 circuit court costs, \$350 attorney fee, \$47,215 restitution and \$8,000 penal fine.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 91 complaints the week of April 2 - April 8.

Twelve general non-criminal complaints, one vehicle fire, one trees-brush-grass fire, one hazardous-spill-leak-power line, one delinquent minors, one false alarm activation, one assault-intimidation-stalking, two assault and battery/simple assaults, one aggravated assault-public official, one burglary-home invasion, one larceny, one larceny-pocket picking, four larcenies-other, one marijuana possession, one resisting officer, six disorderly conduct complaints,

four public peace/disorderly complaints, two public peace/other complaints, one portable signal preemption device, one financial responsibility law violation, six health and safety complaints, two conservation complaints, one violation of conservation law-other, three miscellaneous arrests, eight traffic accidents, three traffic violations-civil infractions, two hazardous conditions, one inspection-motor vehicle-vin, four inspections-property, seven investigations-family trouble, six suspicious situations, two driving on revoked/suspended license complaints and two reckless driving complaints.

Area Events

Gaylord - The next meeting for the Organ Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan (OTSGNM) will be held on Thursday April 12th, 2012 at 6 p.m. in Otsego Memorial Hospitals' Professional Medical

Building in it's Conference Room located at 849 N. Center Avenue U-S 27 N. Gaylord. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information you may call 989-983-4188 or email bevo@core.com.

Births

Ashlee Babbitt and Bryon Bowen, of Frederic, announce the birth of a daughter, Jayanna Nichole-Marie, born at Mercy Hospital on March 30, 2012 at 8:07 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 6 oz., and measuring 19 inches length.

Olson, Horwath engaged



Mallory Olson and Trevor Horwath

Herb and Cindy Olson of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mallory Marie Olson, to Trevor James Horwath, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Horwath, of Allegan.

Mallory is a graduate of Kirtland Community College and is currently employed as a Registered Nurse at Metro Hospital in

Grand Rapids.

Trevor received his Masters of Arts, in Sports Management, from Western Michigan University and is currently employed as Recreation Director at Allegan Public Schools.

A Memorial Day weekend wedding is planned for this May at St Mary's in Grayling.

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 13 - pork roast, stuffing, Prince Charles blend vegetables and pineapple. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Card Golf, 12 p.m. Frederic/Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and Pool- 9 Ball.

Monday, April 16 - Lunch - breaded chicken sandwich, peas, potato salad and an orange. Dinner - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Prince Charles blend vegetables and apricots. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1:30 p.m. Clogging, 1 p.m. Bridge, 2:30 p.m. Bunco, 1 pm. - 4 pm. Hearing Clinic-appointment required, 6 p.m. National Health Care program.

Tuesday, April 17 - Lunch - salmon patty, baked potato, corn, winter blend vegetable and pears. Dinner - stuffed peppers, carrots, sliced beets and fruit cocktail. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Computer class - Facebook, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, April 18 - Lunch - stuffed Florentine shells, broccoli, cauliflower and peaches. Dinner - herb marinated chicken breast, oven roasted potatoes, stewed tomatoes, plums and pudding. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool - Ball in Hand, Wii bowling and Mahjong.

Thursday, April 19 - Lunch - beef burrito, lettuce, tomato, fiesta rice, green beans, pineapple and brownies. Dinner - pepperoni pizza, asparagus, coleslaw and sliced apples. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokemo, 11 a.m. S.A.F.E. Series - Tornado Safety, 1 p.m. UNO Attack, UnLucky 7's, Pool - 8 Ball, 3 pm. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Card of Thanks

Thank you American Legion Post 106 and the gang. Thank you DuBois Lumber and Rental, your cards and well wishes were

50th Anniversary



Dale and Marie Rohde

Dale and Marie Rohde, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Evart on April 14, 1962. They live in Grayling and own and operate Milltown Marine in Grayling. They have many friends and family in Michigan.

Library News

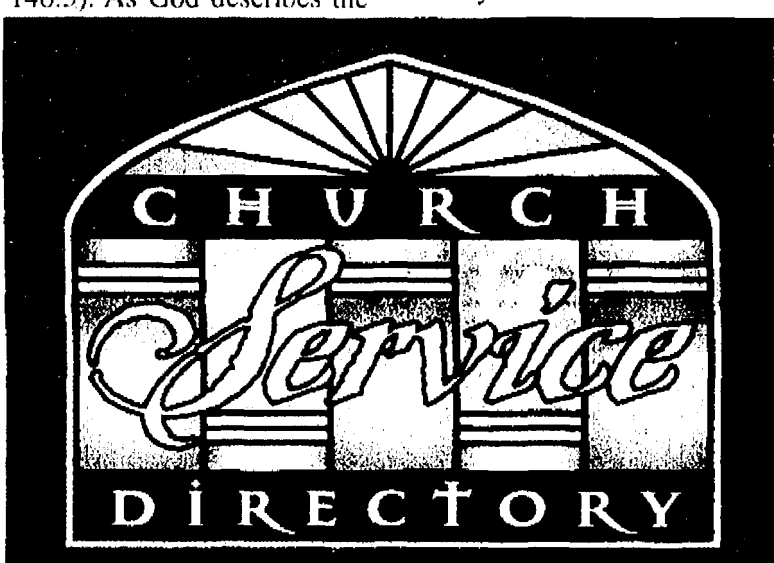
"Teen Frederic" will be held at the Frederic Community Library on Friday, April 13 at 6 p.m. Teens and tweens can enjoy games, crafts and snacks with Miss Connie. Call 989-348-4067 for additional information.

Join us for Family Movie Matinee Saturday at Devereaux Memorial Library on April 14 at 1:30 p.m. Our featured presentation is Universal Studios "HOP". Sign up for this rocking animated movie, filled with laughs for the whole family...popcorn included!

The Friends of the Crawford County Library will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 17 at 10 a.m. New members always welcome to join.

"Go Fly a Kite!" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, April 18 at 3:30 p.m. Have some flying fun and learn how to build your own kite with special guest Janet Gross. Stories, snacks, and a special craft that we will take outside for a test run (weather permitting). Kids ages 6-12 can sign up by calling Miss Jane at 989-348-9214.

wonderful. Thank you to Kalkaska Eagles for your cards and well wishes. Thank you one and all. Robert Annis



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saintfrancis@frontier.com

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Sunday School - 9am

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Prayer Meeting - Wed. Evenings: 5:30pm
Adult Bible Study - Wed. Evenings: 6:45pm
Women's Bible Study - Thurs. 10am & 7pm
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Loelle Community Chapel
Pastor Sam Smith
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Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Wednesday Evening Worship 7 pm

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Beaver strolls through area

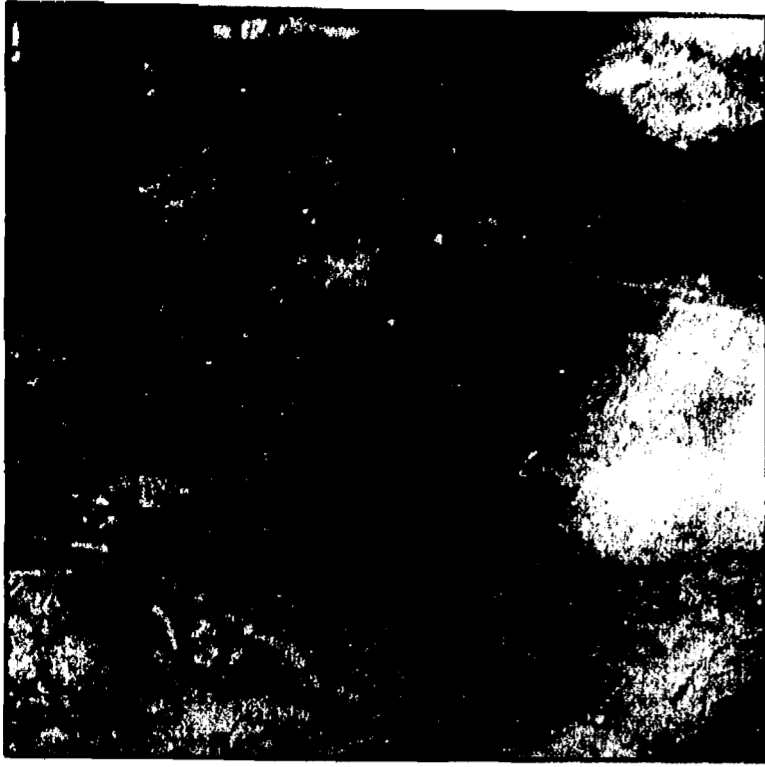


Photo courtesy of Don Yelinek

Above, this beaver was spotted on a trail located near Seven Mile Road and Oak Road in Beaver Creek Township on Sunday, April 1. Don Yelinek and his fiancée Dana Angove were walking home from a neighbor's house, when they saw the beaver. Yelinek and others returned with their cameras. "The whole neighborhood was there, amazed," said Angove, since there are no bodies of water located in the area.

Mercy Hospital Grayling to host free diabetes event

On Friday, April 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mercy Hospital Grayling is hosting a free event to help you understand your diabetes numbers at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church of the North located at 149 W. Robison Lake Rd. in Roscommon.

There will be diabetes supply representatives, door prizes and Mercy Hospital Grayling Certified Diabetes Educator Rhonda Haske will be available to answer any questions you may have about diabetes. Call (989) 275-5577 to register.

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period April 19-25 will be as follows:

Small arms ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrothe, April 20-25.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Grayling Moorestown Road/Cadillac Road and on the south by Carrier Road, April 21 and 25.

The 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 19-22 and 25.

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 19-20 and 24-25.

The 30 Complex, located

north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, April 19-25.

In addition, the following roads will be closed April 19-26: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Wakeley Bridge Road; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road; Stephen Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road; Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Honors



GHS senior Kaitlin Adamski, was the recipient of the NWTF scholarship. On February 18, 2012, Brian Brown, president of the Beaver Creek Chapter of NWTF presented her with the scholarship.

Upcoming Senior Programs & Events

Easter Dinner

Thursday, April 12 • 4-6pm

Menu includes Baked Ham, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Spiced Apple Rings and Cherry Cheese Tart. \$4.75 per person aged under 60. A suggested donation of \$2.50 for people over 60. Open To The Public.

National Health Care Decisions Day

Monday, April 16 • 6pm

Jan Williamson, RN, CHPN from Mercy Homecare & Hospice will provide information and tools for the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends & healthcare providers. One-on-One assistance will be available to complete healthcare directive.

S.A.F.E. series

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Thursday, April 19 • 11 am

Tornado Safety w/ Jim Keysor of the National Weather Service

How to prepare for tornado weather and what to do if a tornado strikes.

This presentation is free.

Moving Forward series

Assistive Technology

Thursday, April 26 • 6-7:30pm

Aimee Sterk from Michigan Disability Rights Coalition will demonstrate how many items seen around the home can be used to make it easier for people with disabilities & older adults to perform daily activities. This Presentation is FREE.



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"Hospice volunteers play an indispensable role in enabling us to offer the best care possible for patients living with life-limiting illness, their families and caregivers. By sharing their time, energy, and expertise, our volunteers bring compassion and caring to the lives of those in need," said Jillian Tremonti, Volunteer Coordinator for Mercy Hospice.

Hospice volunteers often serve patients and families at the bedside but they also assist in the office, help raise awareness, contribute to educational programs, and provide fundraising support and more. Hospice volunteers help the people they serve live every moment of life to the fullest and enable the organizations they work with to achieve their mission

in the community. Most hospice volunteers choose to give their time helping others because of their own experience with the compassionate care hospice provided to a dying loved one.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization reports that there are an estimated 458,000 hospice volunteers providing more than 21 million hours of service to hospice programs each year. More than 1.58 million patients in the U.S. are cared for by hospice programs every year.

It is federally mandated under Medicare that five percent of all patient care hours be provided by trained volunteers. This regulation reflects the vital role that volunteers play in the hospice philosophy of care and ensures that a hospice program has roots deep in the community.

For those interested in learning more about hospice or volunteer opportunities, please call 989-348-4383 or toll free at 800-424-1457.

LEADERSHIP CHANGE AT RESURRECTION LIFE CENTER



Resurrection Life Center saw the installation of new pastorate with Pastor Bud Mann (left) stepping down and Pastor Joe Jean (right) as the new senior pastor.

Resurrection Life Center, saw the installation of the new pastorate of Joe and Marilyn Jean of Higgins Lake, on Sunday, March 25.

The Jean's and their son Chris have been a part of the body at ResLife Center since 2006.

In attendance from downstate were Marilyn's brother Pastor Ed Bundas and the Jean's daughters and five grandchildren. Also, Pastor Fred Wynkoop of Prudenville and Mrs. Betty Harnetz of Gladwin, who are friends.

Resurrection Life Center was founded in 2000 under Pastor Jimmie McWatters, Sr. at the Days Inn in

Grayling.

Pastors Bud and Debbie Mann assumed leadership in the year 2001 and have guided the church through its moves from the Days Inn to its present location just two miles east of Walgreens on M-72.


Pastor Bud preached on "The Church As Family" at the service of Installation and Celebration. The church family enjoyed a dinner after the service.

Pastors Bud and Debbie Mann have stepped back from leading the ministry to pursue a ministry of help to those with addictions. The website for more information is reslifecenter.com

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Translating a remodeling dream into reality

(ARA) - You've made the decision to remodel your home. The budget range and project scope have been set. You've even preemptively told your sister-in-law she'll need to host Christmas (alright, that was before you knew you were going to remodel). Now what?

Following these guidelines and tips will simplify the process of turning your vision (or lack of vision) into a ravishing remodel.

First, breathe. This is going to be fun.

Setting the style scene - Many homeowners know exactly where their preferences fall on the style spectrum. Others have no idea. As a first step, it's wise to identify and determine how to articulate your personal style before moving forward with any steps of the remodel. There are even websites that allow you to take a style quiz in order to determine where

your style falls.

Flipping through magazines, home design blogs and even becoming aware of how you feel in other people's homes should help you determine your style. During this process, consider your long-term plans for the space and make sure the style will grow with you as your tastes develop and change.

Developing a mood board, even if you think you know what you want for a space, can help you visualize your design style. A mood board will ensure that others (professionals or family members) see eye-to-eye with you on your vision. Gather items on your mood board such as colors, patterns and images that make you feel good. You (and a designer) can make sense and draw meaning from it later.

There are some great resources online for developing these boards. Pinterest, a tool that

allows users to "pin" their favorite items, is growing in popularity and KraftMaid Cabinetry has a tool on its website that allows visitors to collect their inspirations in one place.

Dreams turned into design - Now that you're in tune with your style, it's time to get moving. The remodeling process is overwhelming. Some brave souls attempt to tackle it on their own, and it can end up being a full time job - a time commitment most homeowners simply can't afford. Designers are a great resource and should be engaged early on in the process.

"One of the biggest advantages working with a designer on a home project is they really understand functionality, while accomplishing your desired style," says Sarah Reep, director of designer relations and education at KraftMaid Cabinetry. "By telling a designer more

details about your lifestyle and gripes about your current layout, they will turn out a well-designed space that will fit your needs."

Working with professionals doesn't have to break the bank and can actually save you time, money and your sanity. Make sure the professionals you engage are fully certified and qualified for the task. For example, NKBA members are designers that specialize in kitchens and bathrooms. Homeowners can locate these individuals by visiting www.nkba.org and searching for an NKBA professional in their area.

At the end of the day, you'll be thankful for the time spent during the dreaming and designing process. Transforming a space into one that you truly enjoy will make loving your home even easier.

How to get rid of deer before they devour your yard and garden

(ARA) - Springtime means sunshine, blooms, birdsong - and the dreaded "deer drama" that will inevitably wreak havoc in your beautiful backyard this season. Deer are now a permanent part of our landscapes, brazenly entering our yards and eating our gorgeous gardens. They are majestic animals, and beautiful to look at, from a distance. Up close, trampling and tasting your tulips, they're just not a welcome sight.

Springtime is when deer damage is most noticeable, particularly as plants awaken from months of dormancy and prepare to bloom. Deer are the poster critters of natural adaptability. As suburbia has encroached on their wild habitat, deer have adjusted easily, finding plenty to eat in residential landscapes.

"In the early part of the 20th century, the deer population in the U.S. was less than half a million animals," says Greg Ecsedy, owner of Bobbex

Inc., which manufactures deer repellent. "Today, estimates place the deer population at between 15 million and 20 million animals that cause about \$1 billion a year in damage to farms, gardens, yards and timber."

"We know that deer will eat more than 500 different types of plants, so there's a good chance that something you've planted will appeal to them, and you can bet they'll eat it," Ecsedy says.

Since deer need to consume a high volume of calories to survive - bucks weighing 125 to 250 pounds need 4,000 to 6,000 calories per day - their foraging can cause significant damage to suburban landscapes. Deer seldom travel alone, so a small herd can devastate a neighborhood quickly. Deer's close proximity to people over the course of time has dulled their natural fear, so it's quite common to see multiple deer nonchalantly nosing away right outside your

window.

Deer's adaptability stems from their capacity to learn. Homeowners can defend their landscape by putting deer's natural learning ability to good use. Deterrents that convince the deer your yard is no longer a desirable dining destination can successfully protect your home environment from these foraging foes.

Several methods can be effective in deterring deer, including the use of repellents like all-natural Bobbex Deer Repellent. Common solutions include:

- Deer repellent - Deer rely heavily on their sense of smell to assess the desirability of an area for feeding, and to alert them to danger. Disrupting their sense of smell can disrupt their sense of security, which is why scent-based repellents often prove effective. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station gave Bobbex a 93 percent protection index - second only to a fence, at 100 percent, for effectiveness. The repellent uses ingredients that blend the scents of putrescent eggs, garlic, fish, clove oil and other proteins, so it smells and tastes awful to deer. It's environmentally friendly and safe for animals and your family.

Apply it in almost any weather, it dries clear, won't wash off after heavy rain or burn plants and grass.

- Deer deterrent devices - Motion-activated noise makers and lights can scare deer off for a short time. Deer's movement in

the yard can activate motion lights at night, scaring them away, during the day you can use motion-activated sound. It's likely, however, that deer will become acclimated to both tactics over time, and the sound and motion might not have an effect on them.

- Deer fence - Fencing is considered the only surefire way to keep deer out of a garden, but keep in mind that deer have been known to jump 10-foot fences, and many communities restrict the height of fencing. You may not be able to put up a fence high enough to keep deer away - plus, fencing might not be practical and can be costly.

- Deer resistant flowers - Another option is to grow plants that deer don't like. A hungry deer will eat just about anything, but you may have some success by planting deer-resistant flowers and plants like catmint, hellebore, yarrow, fuzzy lamb's ear, and cleome near the plants you want to protect.

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Home improvements that pay off big

(ARA) - It's beautiful outside and the last thing you want to do is spend all of your spare time working on your home when you could be playing or spending time with loved ones.

So what home improvement projects offer the biggest bang for your buck, saving you both time and money down the road?

As a homeowner, it's difficult resisting the temptation of a new kitchen or bathroom. But rule No. 1 in the manual of Homeownership 101 clearly states: Invest first in the structure of your home.

"The reason is simple," says John Gardner of APEX Siding System, a company that makes low-maintenance, high-curb appeal fiberglass siding. "Taking care of your home will prevent major, unexpected repairs, and will pay dividends over time."

The second rule of thumb of home improvements is to invest in curb

appeal. Whether you are selling, renting or staying for the long haul, it pays to add charm and distinction on the exterior. The exterior of a home is the basis for the first buying decision; this is why investments in curb appeal typically provide a higher payoff than other home improvements.

Finally, more and more homeowners want homes that are easier to maintain. If you want to spend more time enjoying life and less time working on your home, invest in products such as pultruded fiberglass siding and windows that are nearly maintenance free and can dramatically reduce the time you spend cleaning or maintaining your home.

Based on these three critical rules of homeownership, here's a list of the top five spring home improvements with big payoffs:

1. Replace gutters. Replacing old gutters is an easy way to spruce up a home and reduce the

chance of water draining into your basement.

2. Update your siding. New siding can instantly give the appearance of a total home makeover, while also reducing your maintenance costs by choosing fiberglass products, such as APEX siding and trim. Removing old siding also provides the opportunity to inspect your home for any moisture or rot damage that if left unchecked can lead to significant and costly damage to the structure of your home.

3. Repair the roof. Severe weather over the years can take its toll on your roof. Inspect your roof for loose, damaged or missing shingles, especially around chimneys and vents, where water can leak into your home.

4. Install energy efficient windows. Replace old, out-of-date windows with new energy-efficient, Integrity windows made with Ultrax, a fiberglass product.

5. Re-seal your driveway. Look for cracks and

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SPRING INTO HOME IMPROVEMENT WITH WEEKEND WONDER PROJECTS

(ARA) - Sprucing up your home for spring doesn't have to mean spending huge amounts of time and money. In fact, there are many projects that you can complete in a weekend that will improve the look and feel of your home. With a little guidance and the right tools, you can easily get your home in top

shape by Monday morning.

Paint refresh - Commonly recognized as one of the most easy and cost-effective interior updates, painting is a weekend project that can completely transform the aesthetic of your home. When purchasing paint, a quality product will ensure your end results are beautiful. Low-quality, inexpensive paint will likely require a number of coats to get the coverage needed - resulting in more time and money spent. To avoid increased time and cost, use a premium line of paint like which guarantees excellent hide and outstanding durability. When choosing paint for your next weekend project, remember that a quality product will achieve the best end result and save you time and money in the long run.

Lighting update - tired of the same old lamps sitting on your end tables but don't have the funds

to revamp your lighting decor? A new lamp shade will completely change the look of any piece. You can also easily transform pieces by renewing the lamp bases; a quick walk down the spray paint aisle will show limitless possibilities of colors and finishes. Create a cohesive look by bringing that new finish to your hanging fixtures as well.

Accessorize - Adding trendy, fun accessories will give any room a new and more put-together look. Think vases and bowls, wall art and rugs. When adding accessories, look for colors that complement what is already in the room. Plants and flowers can also add energy and color, some with the added bonus of a pleasant aroma.

Furniture renewal - One easy way to update furniture on a budget is by recovering it or using slip covers. Premade covers are available in a wide variety of fabrics and designs, or you can create

a custom cover for your sofa or armchair. More ambitious crafters may actually reupholster furniture to create a completely new-looking seating option. After repadding and covering cushions, sand and stain or paint wood pieces for a completely modern feel.

Modern flooring - Carpet has seen better days. Replace it. Hardwood is scuffed and dull? Refinish it. You can also achieve the look of natural wood or stone flooring with luxury vinyl tile. This affordable option is no longer your grandmother's vinyl, now available in a variety of natural finishes that are both durable and modern. If replacing isn't in your budget, simply give your flooring a good cleaning and use accent rugs to cover blemished areas.

Check off a project on your home improvement to-do list this weekend, and enjoy the results through spring and beyond.

BATHROOM REMODELING IDEAS: FROM SMALL TO TOTAL OVERHAUL

(ARA) - Ready to give your bathroom a facelift, but can't decide what changes to make? From tubs to toilets to tile, the sky is the limit when it comes to bathroom renovations, even if budget is not.

Whether you are planning some small do-it-yourself changes, or a major overhaul, here are some fresh ideas for bathroom remodeling that will help you build the smart, stylish, and functional bathroom of your dreams.

Start living large - Feeling crowded in a small bathroom? For a small-budget fix-up, replace your old space-wasting vanity with a smart open-design style that maximizes storage, while visually opening up the room. If your project is major and you are opening the walls, replace your floor-mounted toilet in favor of a wall-mounted toilet, which stows the water tank behind the

wall.

Focus on your faucet - If you have a small budget, making a simple change like updating a bathroom faucet and accessories can still have a dramatic impact on the style of the room. Faucets with the Speed Connect drain can be installed in minutes, and reflect any decor choice, from traditional to minimalist in popular finishes such as oil-rubbed bronze and polished chrome. Change light fixtures and drawer pulls to match your faucet, splurge on some updated colors for towels and rugs and you have a beautiful before-and-after makeover of your very own.

Think accessible - A bathroom remodel is a great time to invest in fixtures that will allow you and your loved ones to remain independent in your home through illness, aging or other unforeseen events. The

best products also work great and feel terrific in the here and now. A taller toilet is a luxurious comfort. If you rarely use your bathtub, it can be easily replaced with an acrylic seated-safety shower unit that simply slides into your existing tub recess. Optional acrylic surrounds are easy to install and easy to keep clean, while the integral seat provides a safe option for both bathing and shaving. Go green to save green.

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Girls soccer program hopes to continue its success, improvement

by Caleb Casey
 Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling High School girls soccer program is looking to build on its success from the past few seasons, years in which the team has established new records for wins.

"Last year was the most successful in the history of the program," said Craig Cobb, coach of the squad. "We're looking to build on that."

The program had 10 wins last year and nine wins in 2010 after posting eight victories in 2009.

"We're hoping to break the records we set last year. That will be our focus, to continue to improve," Coach Cobb said. "We continue to improve as a program and that's exciting to see and be a part of."

The team started its official practice sessions on Monday, March 12. The

squad was able to get outside for practices later that week. The team moved to the Crawford AuSable Soccer Association (CASA) fields - located at the Crawford County Fairgrounds - for practices after the first week of workouts.

Coach Cobb said practices have gone well so far.

"We have had great practices. Great attitudes, really busting their tails," Coach Cobb said. "I'm anxious to see how we look in a game."

The Vikings have two road games scheduled for the start of their 2012 season. Grayling will play at Charlevoix on April 10 and at Standish Sterling Central on April 12. The Vikings will host Elk Rapids at 5 p.m. on Monday, April 16. The team will host Oscoda at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17.

The program will play its home games at the CASA fields this year.

The team has solid overall



Courtney Hatfield, right, tries to dribble around Rachel Money.

numbers this season with close to 20 players. The squad is young, having lost several seniors from last year, Cobb said.

"We lost nine seniors but we do have some experience," Coach Cobb said. "We've got a lot of new faces, but at the same time, we've got some key players back from last year."

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Tandy Mitchell, left, battles Sarah Goodyear during an offense vs. defense drill at GHS.



Colbie Wakeley shoots the ball during a recent practice.

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Boys golf team to rely on young group of players

Grayling High School's varsity boys golf team will have a young group – the squad has 11 players, eight of which are freshmen or sophomores – but the program's coach, Dan DesEnfants, said the squad should be competitive.

"Although we're a young team, we have some experience coming back," Coach DesEnfants said.

The squad has one senior (Thomas Burrell), two juniors (Mason Krey, Louis Menard), four sophomores (Tyler McClanahan, Tyler Summers, Nick Smock, Matt Shelp), and four freshmen (Jake Hinkle, James Piper, Joey Greenway, Dallas Johnson).

"I expect good scores from Thomas, Mason, and Tyler Summers. Jake Hinkle is a freshman but has a lot of game and should contribute to the team significantly. There's some promising young guys that need to step up," said Coach DesEnfants, who's in his third year leading the program.



Mason Krey, one of this year's returning varsity players, putts during one of last year's meets at the Grayling Country Club.

Grayling's first scheduled meet is slated for Monday, April 16, at Boyne City. The Vikings will host a Lake Michigan Conference meet

on Thursday, April 19.

"The conference will be challenging, as usual, but typical strong teams Charlevoix and Traverse

City St. Francis lost a lot to graduation," said Coach DesEnfants. "We have a chance if everything comes together."

Spring brings early flies, early fly fishing

by Brian Blenkowski
Capital News Service

LANSING — Get the waders and rods ready: Unseasonably warm weather may spur an early emergence of the aquatic insects that trout love to eat.

With temperatures in much of the Great Lakes region approaching 70 degrees, the internal clock of certain mayflies and caddisflies could signal that it's time to get out of the water earlier than usual.

Caddisflies are small moth-like insects, and mayflies are in the dragonfly group of insects. Trout-seeking fly anglers often use lures that imitate them.

And Richard Merritt, a professor of entomology at Michigan State University, predicts an early emergence of both.

"The life cycle is based on heat over time," Merritt said. "Once they gather enough heat units in their bodies, they'll move on to the next stage. If it's warm they'll emerge."

The insects lay their eggs on stream surfaces in the previous summer or fall, and the eggs sink to the bottom where they hatch. Most larval growth takes place during the winter – no matter how cold it gets. Then they emerge after a certain amount of warm weather.

And for those who make their living chasing trout, the early spring means reaching for their

Mahogany Dun #16 and Blue Winged Olives #18 a bit earlier.

"You just have to be versatile," said Matt Verlac, a fly fishing guide from Gates Au Sable Lodge in Grayling. "The hatches are always different – sometimes they are early, sometimes late."

However, it's not all good news for trout-fishing enthusiasts, especially if earlier warm weather becomes more common.

Merritt said climate change could make early insect emergence common, which would change ecosystem cycles – sometimes for the worse.

"If the insects come off early because of heat and then it snows or freezes, it could kill off all of their eggs when they reproduce," he said.

He also said migrating birds and other predators that depend on emerging insects for food might be unable to adjust to different timing.

And it's not just the fly anglers' favorite insects that could emerge earlier, but stinging, annoying bugs too.

"I expect an early black fly season in the Upper Peninsula, and mosquitoes to come off earlier too," Merritt said. "Which mean biting people earlier too."

The early spring comes on the heels of a mild winter, so the snowpacks that feed rivers are either already

gone or disappearing quickly," said Bryan Burroughs, executive director of Michigan's Trout Unlimited chapter based in DeWitt.

Burroughs said that may be good for spring anglers but could hurt summer fishing.

"With less snowpacks, the rivers will get to lower levels pretty quickly. In the spring, bugs will crawl around and it will kick things into gear faster," Burroughs said.

But trout and salmon are cold-water fish and become stressed out if summer water temperatures are more than about 70 degrees, Burroughs said. The warm water increases their metabolism and need for oxygen, while water's ability to hold oxygen decreases when warmer.

Precipitation plays a role in hatches too, said Mac Strand, an associate professor in Northern Michigan University's biology department.

Aquifers at stream and river headwaters regulate temperatures – keeping them cooler in summer and warmer in winter. That's because groundwater stays at about the local annual average air temperature throughout the year.

Aquifers are like a sponge, Strand said. Once the sponge is full, it will discharge, so increased precipitation could regulate stream temperatures and combat

abnormally warm temperatures.

Verlac said the biggest challenge from the lack of predictability is getting the word out to would-be visitors. For example, his lodge sent employees to a recent Detroit-area fly fishing show to advise anglers that hatches may be earlier than usual.

Some people book their trips a year in advance though, Verlac said. This means one thing: adjust. "Sometimes they'll catch the tail end of a hatch that they drive up for – but that's just part of fishing."

And Verlac said the fishing guide business goes on despite any unpredictability and regardless of weather.

"If anything it's a good thing, especially for us guides who make a living off of this," Verlac said. "It just means our season is longer. Fish are always in the river. You just have to figure out how to catch them."

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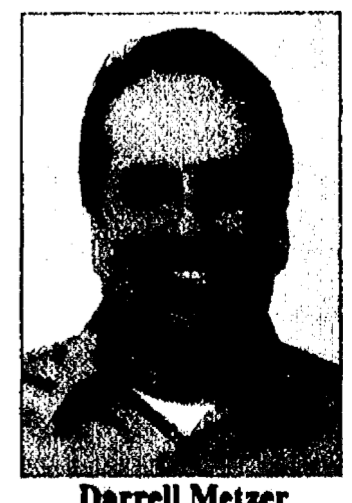
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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by MICHAEL G. LACHAPPELLE as Mortgagor, to NORTH-LAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated September 10, 2009, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on September 14, 2009, in Liber 697 at Page 431, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$123,965.71, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 10 a.m., at the front door of the Crawford County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.75 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

PARCEL 1: All that part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, lying South of Highway M-72 and M-93, and West of the AuSable River, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

PARCEL 2: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Fractional NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 Section 18, T 26N, R3W; thence N 89°14'E on the North line of said Section 350.0 feet for a place of beginning; thence S0°14'E parallel with West line of Section 500.0 feet; thence N89°16'30"E 702.95 feet to the West one-eighth line of Section 18; thence N2°00'E on the one-eighth line 501.1 feet to the Northeast corner of Fractional NW 1/4 of NW 1/4; thence S89°14'W on Section line 722.45 feet to the place of beginning; being a part of the Fractional NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, of Section 18, T26N, R3W.

PARCEL 3: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence 250 feet due South; thence

350 feet due East; thence 250 feet due North; thence 350 feet due West to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. PARCEL 4: Commencing 250 feet South of the Northwest corner, thence South 250 feet; thence East 350 feet; thence North 250 feet; thence West 350 feet to Point of Beginning. Section 18, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

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DATED: March 26, 2012
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce F. Leonard and Louanne Leonard, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated January 15, 2004, and recorded on January 22, 2004 in Liber 665 on Page 356, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven and 62/100 Dollars (\$71,677.62).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B: Being part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Crawford County Michigan described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 19, thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds West along the Section line 1280.32 feet, thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West 849.54 feet along the Northerly line of the recorded Plat of Roy-L. Estates as recorded in

Liber 3 of Plats, Page 38, Crawford County Records to the place of beginning; thence continuing South 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West, 233.45 feet; thence North 00 degrees 52 minutes 37 seconds West 284.92 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes 41 seconds East 233.52 feet; thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds East 284.93 feet (recorded as South 00 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East 285.00 feet) to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 29, 2012
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Gilliam, married and Raylene E. Gilliam, original mortgagor(s), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2001, and recorded on December 18, 2001 in Liber 563 on Page 529, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Nine and 60/100 Dollars (\$67,529.60).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 19, running thence South 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds East along section line, 2318.61 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds East along section line, 331.23 feet to the East 1/4 corner; thence South 89 degrees 48 min-

utes 30 seconds West along East-West 1/4 line, 1318.1 feet to the 1/8 corner; thence North 0 degrees 07 minutes West along 1/8 line, 332.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 34 seconds East, 1318.18 feet to the point of beginning. Crawford County Records

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Dated: April 5, 2012
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew O. Edwards and Tarina M. Edwards, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2006, and recorded on July 5, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 226, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Sixty-Three and 14/100 Dollars (\$48,063.14).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 referred to as the Southeast corner of State Highway Park running thence South on the 1/8 line, 16 Rods; thence East parallel with North line of tract, 20 Rods to the point of beginning; thence continuing East 370.7 feet to right-of-way, State Highway No. 76; thence Southeast along highway line 150 feet to a point 374 feet South of the North line of said tract thence West parallel with said North line 474.4 feet; thence North 110 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

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Dated: April 5, 2012
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 16, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 13, Thence South 0 degrees 41 minutes East (along the North-South 1/4 line) 730.70 feet, Thence North 89 degrees 31 minutes East 134 feet, Thence South 0 degrees 41 minutes East 124.34 feet, Thence South 64 degrees 11 minutes West 148.02 feet, Thence North 0 degrees 41 minutes West 187.60 feet to the point of beginning

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Dated: April 12, 2012
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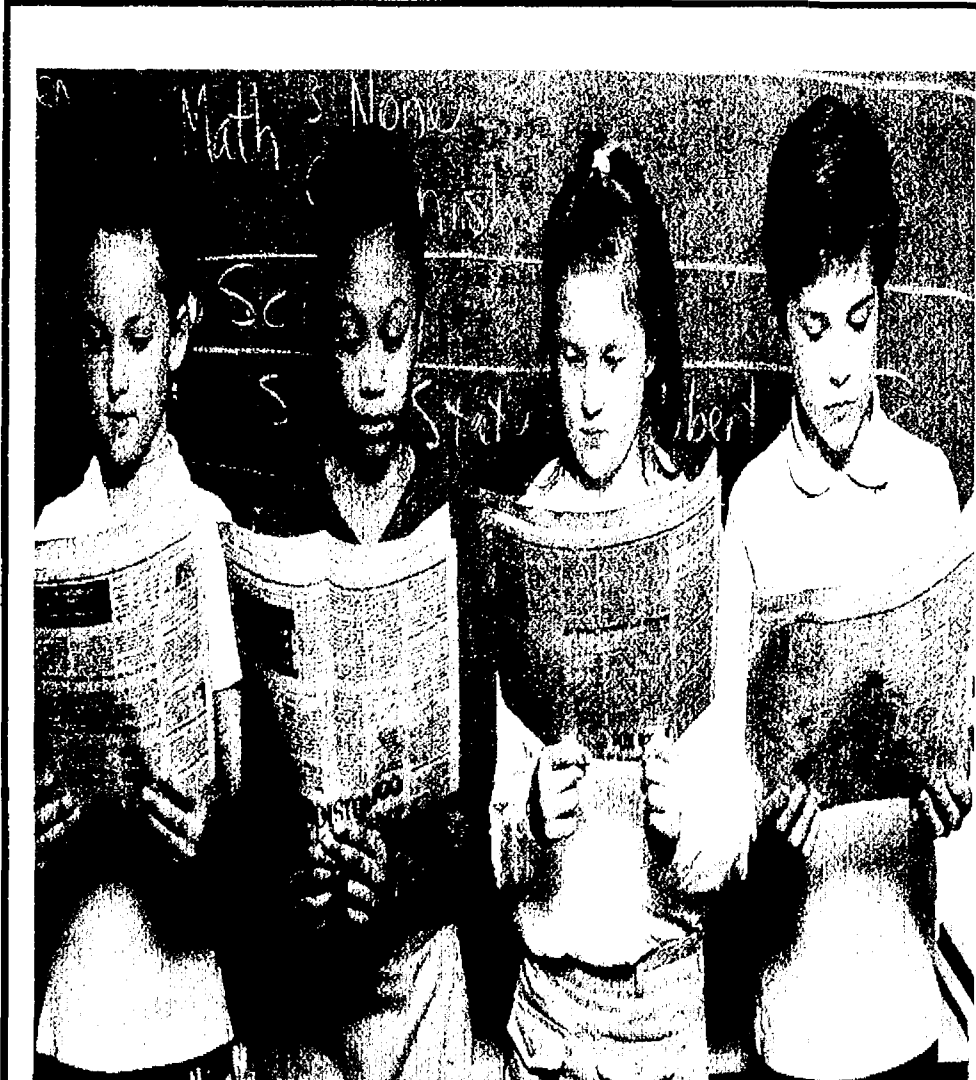
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West. Containing 1.25 acres more or less, subject to all reservations, restrictions and easements of record as recorded in Book 089, Page 486, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, Livingston Acres, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 5, 2012 For more information, please call: FC S (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #365363F01 (04-05)(04-26)

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew S. Woolsey, single man and Everett Woolsey, a married man, by Andrew Woolsey, as power of attorney, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2006, and recorded on July 11, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 322, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight and 45/100 Dollars (\$64,738.45).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Janice Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 29, 2012 For more information, please call: FC J (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #274576F04 (03-29)(04-19)

-29-5-12-19

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth C Halstead A Bachelor, as his sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2004, and recorded on November 22, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 602, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Everbank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two and 65/100 Dollars (\$60,372.65).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 35 Grayling Manor, Township of Graylings, Crawford County MI according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10 Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 29, 2012 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #382074F02 (03-29)(04-19)

-29-5-12-19

NOTICE SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by CHARLES R. FORD and JANE E. FORD, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 3, 2002, and recorded on November 14, 2002, in Liber 607, on Page 197, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$166,967.12), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 9, 2012 Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL D: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 22 MINUTES EAST (ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE) 1314.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST (ALONG THE NORTH 1/8 LINE) 1284.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST (ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE) 658.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 332 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 1091.58 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST 60 FEET TO THE RIGHT BANK OF THE AUSABLE RIVER; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 128.94 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 117.28 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 955.67 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 171.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 GMAC.008200 (04-05)(04-26)

-5-12-19-26

NOTICE

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DISCHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING. OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam Johns, a married man, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2006 and recorded October 6, 2006 in Liber 683, Page 559, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There

is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty and 85/100 Dollars (\$82,630.85) including interest at 6.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 16, 2012. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the intersection of the North boundary of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and the center line of the County Road known as Old M-93; thence Southwesterly along said centerline 270.50 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence Northwesterly 183.00 feet; thence Southeasterly 183.00 feet; thence Northwesterly along said road 150.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: April 12, 2012 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 682.0462 (04-12)(05-03)

-12-19-26-3

NOTICE

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 2, 2012. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan Lot 17, Au Sable Terrace, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 2 of Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: March 29, 2012 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File No. 682.2437 (03-29)(04-19)

-29-5-12-19

NOTICE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BETTY LOU KRITZMAN, A MARRIED WOMAN and PETER W. KRITZMAN, WIFE AND HUSBAND, JOINT TENANCY WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 4, 2006, and recorded on January 5, 2006, in Liber 679, on Page 301, and assigned by said mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Forty-Six Cents (\$46,954.46), including interest at 6.750% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 2, 2012 Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: THE SOUTH 20 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND THE ENTIRE SOUTH-WEST 1/4 OF LOT 5, BLOCK 4, OF MARTHA M. BRINKS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 01, PLATS, PAGE 15, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Flagstar Bank, FSB Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 FSB.004315 (03-29)(04-19)

-29-5-12-19

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by JEFFREY M. KLAYO and STACEY L. KLAYO, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2005, and recorded on January 12, 2006, in Document No. R0013724, Liber 679, on Page 411, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC SBM TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents (\$110,653.38), including interest at 6.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on May 16, 2012 Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: LOT 116, INDIAN GLENS OF THE AU SABLE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 10, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. GMAC Mortgage, LLC SBM TO GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 GMAC.009487 (04-12)(05-03)

-12-19-26-3

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 12-8036-DE Estate of JAMES OTTO FAILING. Date of birth: 06-17-1956.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JAMES OTTO FAILING, died MARCH 26, 2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JAMES CARL FAILING, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE., GRAYLING and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 4/3/12

Personal representative JAMES CARL FAILING 6552 W. TURNER TRAIL P.O. BOX 352 GRAYLING, MI 49738 (989) 348-9216

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Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 1st, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Lovells Township Hall to hear a zoning variance request within the Green Belt District. Interested parties should attend this hearing to voice their concerns. Written comments may be sent to the Lovells Township ZBA, c/o the Township Hall. Text and documents applicable to this variance request can be viewed at the Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 on T/W/T between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Gary Neumann, Secretary, Lovells Township ZBA, 989-348-9215.

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 13, 1989 - The 4-H Capitol Experience was held in Lansing. Pictured are Lisa Jo Barber (left) Rep. Ralph Ostling and Heather Stephenson (right) at a special legislative breakfast.

23 Years Ago April 13, 1989

Icy roads from Sunday's snow squalls were blamed for a 14 car fender-bender that sent six downstate residents to Mercy Hospital with a variety of minor injuries. The accidents occurred about 3:30 p.m. about two miles south of Grayling on the southbound lane of I-75. Traffic was backed up for about three miles while Crawford County Sheriff's deputies untangled the mess. Clean-up efforts took nearly two hours.

A spring snowfall delayed the April 10 scheduled start

of the downtown street project. The \$240,000 city project to re-construct three downtown blocks was due to begin April 10.

The Grayling Promotional Association marked its 6th birthday this March with a special happy hour, a guest speaker, birthday cake and a luncheon held at Sherry Hanson's home.

Five GHS band students participated in the High School Solo and Ensemble Festival in St. Ignace on April 11. Jordan Stancil, a freshman, performed a non band instrument and received the highest rating,

performing a piano solo. Two more freshman, Shane Lovely and Jason Steiger formed a drum duet also received a One. Chad Ormsbee played a tuba solo and received a One. Dana Mirate, the only 10th grader to participate, received a Two, performing a drum solo.

46 Years Ago April 14, 1966

The Side Pocket Billiard Parlor on Michigan Avenue has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lippard from Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dupree. March building permits

were issued to C.W. Hoffman of Ohio for a new building in Beaver Island subdivision; Milton Densmore of Southfield for a building on West Point Dr.; Norman Hohner for a new home; Leo Rochette for a new home in North Park subdivision; Robert Pluff for a hunting and fishing cabin; Earl Broadbent at 404 Date St., for putting aluminum siding on a shed; Eric Post for erecting a concrete car wash on James St.; and to Stanley Madsen at 98 State St., for a storage shed.

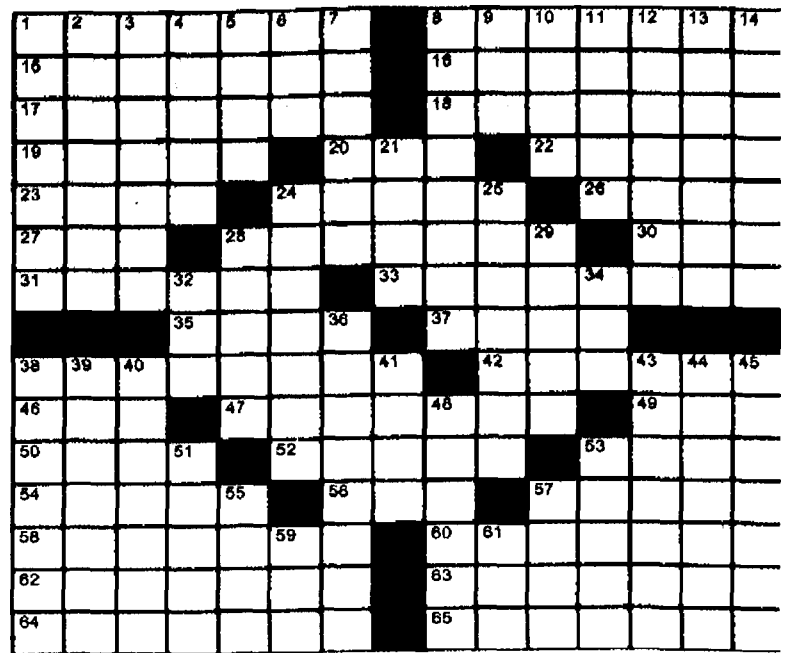
69 Years Ago April 15, 1943

Mr. Alvin LaChappelle was host to the basketball fellows at a very fine feed at Zauel's Tavern. Those who had themselves a real party were Coach Willard Cornell, Carl Henry Nielson, Ross Thompson, Robert LaChappelle, Robert Clark, Alfred Hanson, Albert Gierke, Arthur Sedman, Sandy Thompson, Guy Wheaton and James Kolka. C. Henry Battles and Lyle Duncley both had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow this week.

92 Years Ago April 15, 1920

Miss Minnie Daugherty is the new clerk at the H. Peterson grocery.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Scoop-like surgical instrument
8. Taqueria offering
15. View
16. Without weapons
17. Danced wildly
18. Echo
19. Cartoon art
20. "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
22. Kind of battery
23. "I had no ___!"
24. Blue ___ song
26. French father
27. Mother Teresa, for one
28. North Atlantic oily fish
30. "___ the season ..."
31. Word derived from a person's name
33. Mark used to indicate word omissions
35. Sonata, e.g.
37. Fly high
38. Taking place outdoors
42. Antsy (2 wds)
46. "___ bad!"
47. Most authentic
49. Victorian, for one
50. Think
52. Automatic transmission setting
53. Boris Godunov, for one
54. Archaeological find
56. Bill and ___
57. Dine at home (2 wds)
58. Surveying instrument
60. Camp outhouse
62. Certain time zone
63. Wine merchant
64. Firmly
65. Back-to-school purchases

Down

1. Addictive narcotic
2. On the ___ (3 wds)
3. Full orchestra
4. Bowel cleansing
5. Radial, e.g.
6. "For shame!"
7. Ingratiate
8. Violent disturbances
9. "___ moment"
10. Back talk
11. Band
12. Juju and mojo
13. Ancient Roman silver coins
14. Deal with
21. Harp's cousin
24. Deep in thought
25. Release
28. Abnormally active
29. Colossal
32. "___ any drop to drink": Coleridge
34. Grand ___ ("Evangeline" setting)
36. Hardly at all
38. Draw close
39. Danger for sailors
40. "No ___!"
41. Assortment
43. Preordain
44. Furniture finisher
45. Wage ___ (pl.)
48. Come about
51. Side-to-side measurement
53. Fruit pastries
55. Links rental
57. "Empedocles on ___" (Matthew Arnold poem)
59. 10 liters
61. Balloon filler

HOROSCOPES

Week of April 8, 2012



December 22 - January 19

Friction among friends puts a damper on an evening out until someone you least expect presents a compromise. Who knew you had it in you, Capricorn.



March 21 - April 19

Bon appétit, Aries. Prepare for a loved one to whisk you away on a fun, food-filled adventure. Stepping up your fitness routine will put you on the right path.



June 22 - July 22

The road to financial freedom begins, and you pass the first test with flying colors. You know more than you think, Cancer, and implementing it is not that hard.



September 23 - October 22

Practice makes perfect, Libra. Keep at it, and you'll achieve the outcome you're hoping for. A personal crisis comes to a riveting conclusion.



January 20 - February 18

Enough, Aquarius. You've paid your dues. Back off and let your loved ones figure out the situation for themselves. They made their bed. Now they must lie in it.



April 20 - May 20

Don't count on it, Taurus. Just because someone says they will do something doesn't mean they will. Have a backup plan just in case. A phone call results in a flurry of activity.



July 23 - August 22

Uh-oh, Leo. Your resolve melts, and clutter once again takes control. Muster up the strength to say no and mean it, no matter how enticing the deal.



October 23 - November 21

Slow down, Scorpio. You're moving too fast and missing out on some crucial details. A letter causes quite the stir of emotion at an event.



February 19 - March 20

It's high time you got involved, Pisces. Stop beating around the bush and make your move. A special occasion calls for some extra special planning.



May 21 - June 21

Sunny skies call for some stress busting, Gemini. Grab the gang and head outside for some much-needed fun. Fresh air will get the ideas flowing again.



August 23 - September 22

You're a dier, Virgo. That special someone? Not so much. Cut them some slack from time to time, and they just might show you a thing or two.



November 22 - December 21

No more, Sagittarius. You've battled on the situation long enough. Make a decision and learn to live with it. A senior could use a helping hand.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.



Blush

Blush is a beautiful 1 - 3 year old "Pit Bull" mix. She is a snuggly and charming dog with a sweet and affectionate disposition. This girl would make a great family dog. Blush has been spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped. All she needs is a loving new home.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
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For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascspcfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week					Extended Forecast				
Date	H	L	Precip	Index	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday
04/02	58	34	0						
04/03	58	31	0						
04/04	55	26	0						
04/05	49	20	0						
04/06	50	22	0						
04/07	50	26	0						
04/08	53	25	0						

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



STUFFED SHELLS

Ingredients:

1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, well drained
1 container (16 oz.) Fat Free Cottage Cheese
1 red pepper, chopped
1 egg white

1 env. (0.7 oz.) Italian Dressing Mix
1 cup Shredded Low-Moisture Part-Skim Mozzarella Cheese, divided
20 jumbo pasta shells (for stuffing), cooked, drained and cooled
1 jar (13-1/2 oz.) spaghetti sauce

Directions:

HEAT oven to 400°F.

COMBINE first 5 ingredients in medium bowl. Stir in 1/2 cup mozzarella; spoon into shells.

SPREAD half the sauce onto bottom of 13x9-inch baking dish. Place shells in dish; top with remaining sauce and mozzarella. Cover.

BAKE 40 min. or until heated through, uncovering after 30 min.

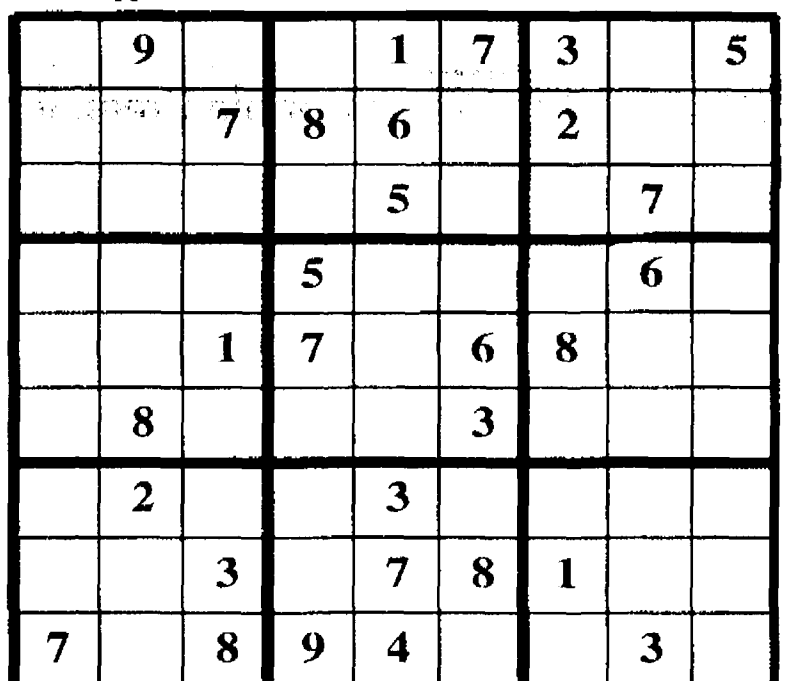
Prep Time: 20 min

Total Time: 1 hr

Makes: 5 servings

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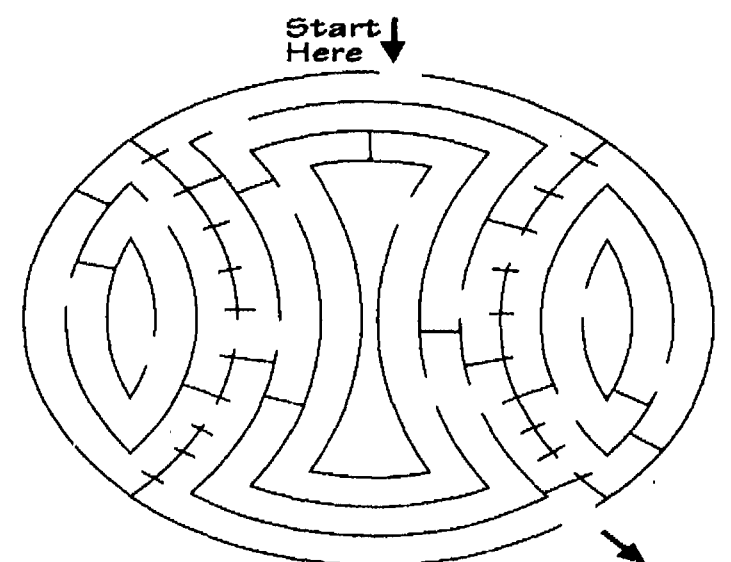


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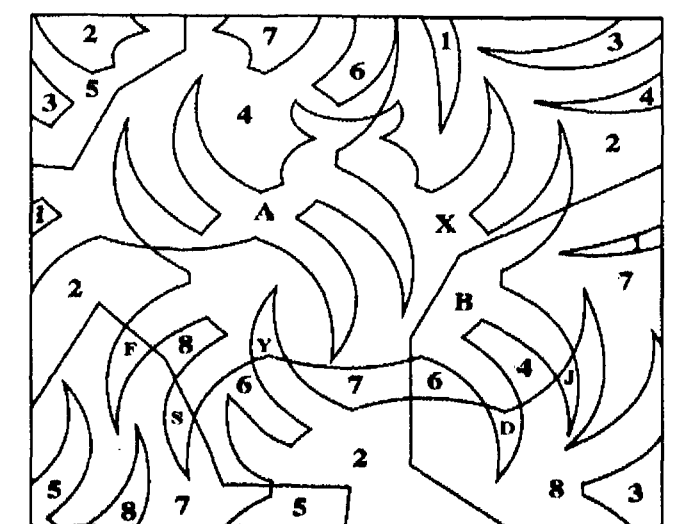
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Roadway surfacing (various locations)

Bituminous Surface Mixture No.13A (non-recycled) and/or

Bituminous Surface Mixture No.13A (15% max. recycled) And

HMA Ultra-Thin (Medium)

Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining an approved mix design, which must be submitted and approved by the Crawford County Road Commission prior to commencement of work. Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all recycled asphalt pavement for the entire bid quantity.

Completion date: All paving shall be completed by October 1st, 2012.

Or as required to meet specific project schedules.

Crawford County Road Commission will provide flag personnel and traffic control devices during construction. All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Material test reports and weight tickets shall be provided in English units. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Bidding documents are available upon request.

Contractor shall provide Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing work. Certificates shall include:

1) Board of County Road Commission **AND** the Crawford County Road Commission named as additional insured to all coverage, 2) Bodily Injury Liability - each person - \$500,000.00 each occurrence, 3) Bodily Injury Liability - each accident - \$1,000,000.00, 4) Property Damage Liability - each accident - \$1,000,000.00, 5) Single Limit Policy - \$1,000,000.00 and 6) Worker's compensation - statutory limits.

The Board reserves the right to add or delete projects and quantities, which are deemed to be in the best interest of the Crawford County Road Commission.

Submit bids in a sealed in an envelope that is and clearly marked with the words: "Paving Bids".

Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to add or delete quantities or projects to or from the bid and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to Crawford County Road Commission specifications. Contractors will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following locations on or before July 1, 2012:

20,000 ton: within proximity of T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township or T26N, R3W, Grayling Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

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10. Garage Sales

ESTATE AUCTION! April 14, 10 a.m., Perry Creek & M-33, Mio, MI. Furniture, appliances, kitchenware, household, air conditioners, wood stove, sportsman, garage/outside, log splitter, tiller, mowers, trailers, coins & more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction, 989-844-8515, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-12/10)

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Kirtland, River House Shelter raising awareness

Kirtland Community College's Service Learning department, in conjunction with long-term community partner the River House Shelter, which provides safety and empowerment to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and homelessness, have a variety of events planned to raise awareness about Sexual Assault Awareness month.

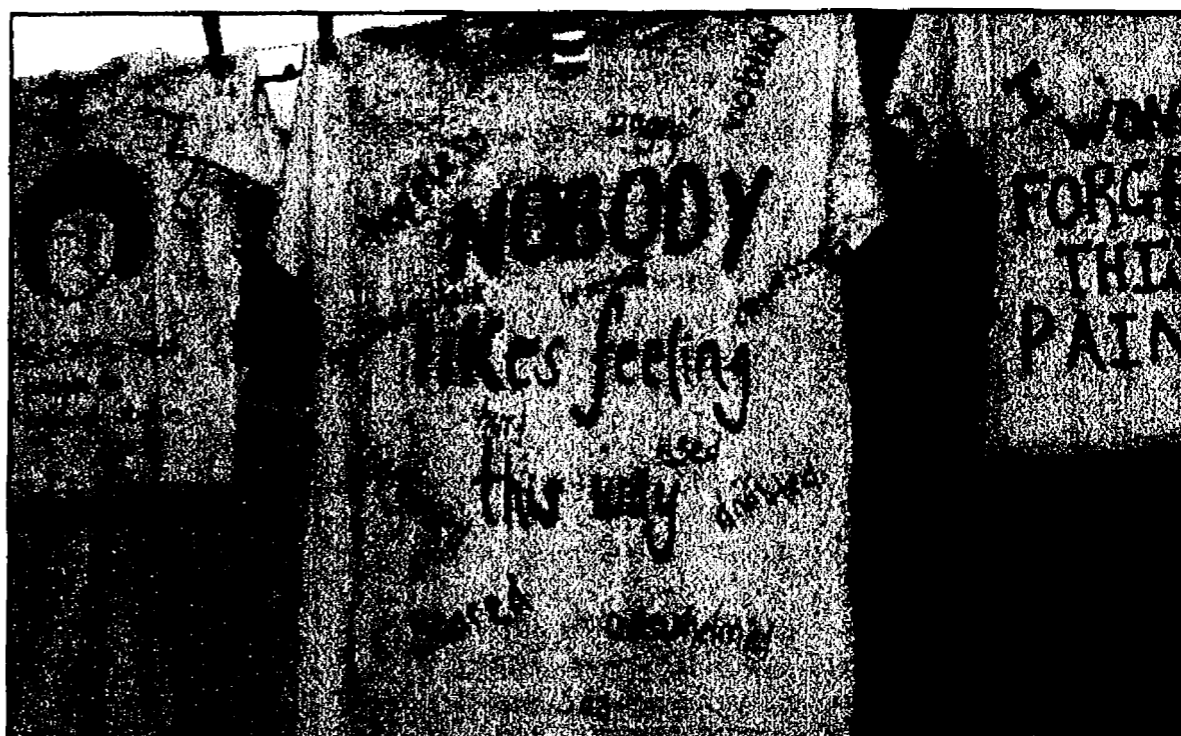
April's Sexual Assault Awareness campaign kicked off with a Clothesline Project in Kirtland's Student Center on the main campus near Roscommon. T-shirts on

display were made by clients at Grayling's River House Shelter. These T-shirts shared messages about sexual assault and brought sexual assault awareness to campus. At an awareness event held on April 4, River House Shelter speakers addressed students and participated in a sexual assault and domestic violence march around Kirtland's campus.

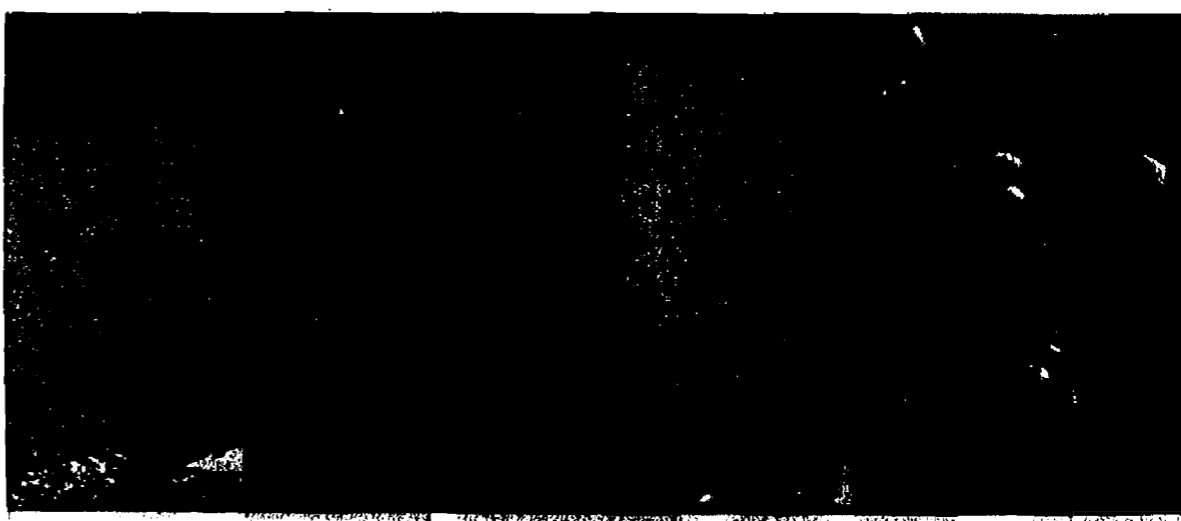
Other events to raise awareness and support include an April 21 Disc Golf Tournament fund-raising event for the River House Shelter, followed by

a R.O.A.R. "Rock Out Against Rape" concert. Doors open at 4 p.m. and admission is \$5. Interested persons can contact River House at (989) 348-3169.

On April 24, the second annual "Shooting for a Change" activity will provide an opportunity to fire numerous types of firearms both big and small - even a cannon. Shoot for a Change will be held at Kirtland's firing range. Food will be available, and all proceeds will benefit Kirtland's Service Learning department.



Above, April's Sexual Assault Awareness campaign kicked off with a Clothesline Project in Kirtland's Student Center. Below, River House Shelter speakers addressed students and participated in a sexual assault and domestic violence march around Kirtland's campus.



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